

Loudoun County Government
DISABILITIES SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES

August 3, 2010

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Frank Lombardi, Ken Shipman, Tim Tozer, Lovely Lall, Rowe Leathers, Joe Granata, Tom Wlodkowski.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anjan Chimaladinne, Angela Shirazi, Liz Mills, Julian Murray.

INACTIVE MEMBERS: Greg Conrow

STAFF: Catherine Motivans, ADA Coordinator

PUBLIC: Tracee Garner (LEND); Darcy Swope; Trent Carbaugh (Birds of a Feather Art Studio).

The DSB discussed with Ms. Swope and Mr. Carbaugh whether the accommodations at Birds of a Feather are adequate for the DSB Annual Retreat.

Catherine Motivans indicated that she has placed a link to Birds of Feather from the DSB website.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Joe Granata called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ken Shipman motioned to approve the June 2010 minutes; Tom Wlodkowski seconded the motion. June 2010 minutes approved.

Tom Wlodkowski motioned to approve the July 2010 minutes; Ken Shipman seconded the motion. July 2010 minutes approved.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. DSB Annual Retreat

The DSB tentatively scheduled its annual retreat on October 23, 2010, from 9:00-3:00 pm at Birds of a Feather in Purcellville. The DSB members discussed a tentative agenda revolving around the following overarching issues: (1) awareness; (2) advocacy; recruitment; and, (3) funding. Joe Granata asked each DSB member to e-mail sub-topics

or sub-issues to Catherine Motivans in order for the members to discuss them at the September 2010 meeting. Joe agreed to send an e-mail to the DSB members advising them about the tentative date for the retreat and to e-mail Catherine.

B. October-Disability Awareness Month

The DSB discussed contacting Nicholas Graham with the Loudoun Times Mirror to see if he would be amenable to writing an article (or a series) regarding disability issues in the County. Tom Wlodkowski said that he knows Mr. Graham from his days working for AOL. Catherine, Tom, and Liz Mills will coordinate in order to encourage Mr. Graham to publish an article.

C. Large Development Outreach

The DSB discussed adding a line item to the agenda in order to brainstorm about increasing outreach to large developments such as Kincora, One Loudoun, and Moorefield Station.

D. Leesburg DMV

Frank Lombardi noted ongoing accessibility issues at the Leesburg DMV. Frank noticed a sign on the window that read “No dogs allowed.” Frank will work with Supervisor Burk’s office on resolving the issue.

E. Leesburg Crossing

Catherine Motivans reported a community member noted a lack of accessible parking at the new Leesburg Crossing shopping center on Route 7 near Wegman’s. Frank said he would drive by the area to document the conditions.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. ADA Poster Contest

Tracee Garner thanked the DSB for its support and reported that the ADA Gala raised \$10,000. Joe Granata echoed Tracee’s comments and noted his appreciation for all of the DSB members who devoted time, money, and effort to the poster contest and the gala.

B. Shining Star Award

Frank reported that everything has been worked out with the Leesburg Safeway, Loudoun County Times Mirror, and Supervisor Burk regarding presentation of the Shining Star Award. The presentation will most likely happen during the week of August 9-13.

C. Transportation-briefing and DRPT meeting August 10

Tom mentioned that there is an upcoming meeting next week in Purcellville.

V. STAFF REPORT

Tim Hemstreet, the new County Administrator, could not attend this month's DSB meeting as scheduled. He is now planning on attending the October 2010 meeting.

Harry Walsh, the creator and manager of the Active Citizen Request (ACR) database, will provide a demonstration at the September 2010 DSB meeting. Joe asked if the database only tracks disabilities. Catherine explained that the database tracks about twelve fields. Tom noted that the DSB needs to be clear on what it would like to track and how it would use the information.

VI. Other Business-Announcements

Ken Shipman suggested that the DSB needs to work on cross-pollenization with other boards and commissions.

Frank mentioned his experience with the blockage of pedestrian access to Supervisor Burk. Frank has not heard back from her office.

A motion to adjourn was passed at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 7, 7:00 p.m.